

## Selvi Viswanathan

Always dressed in a colorful sari, Selvi Viswanathan is a soft-spoken, intelligent, and deeply kind person. She was born in Berhampur Odisha, India, came to New York in 1967, and in 1976, she moved to Los Alamos with her husband, Nathan, and their son Hari.

Selvi is passionate about educating young and old about India. A model railway of India that she built has amazed numerous school field trips. Countless people have experienced her wonderful Indian food and learned about Indian clothing and religion.

Selvi has an immense love of nature. Her yard is an oasis for canyon wildlife and her butterfly garden won the 2013 New Mexico Garden Club's first prize. For many years she's been a dedicated volunteer and board member at the Pajarito Environmental Education Center. On Earth Day, April 23, 2016, her tireless efforts on County-wide wildlife habitats culminated with the prestigious National Wildlife Federation "Community Wildlife Habitat" award to Los Alamos.



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"I feel very lucky about Los Alamos. " says Selvi. "It gave me my opportunity to do my things. Los Alamos is a heaven."

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